

Suggested Summer Reading List for Students Entering 5th Grade



Note: *The following books are only suggestions. Please feel free to add any books that are appropriate for your child. The staff in the children's section of the local library will also have many wonderful suggestions for you.*

Research has shown that the single greatest factor in predicting reading success is time spent reading. Here are some titles to get your child started! Please note that the reading level of the books suggested varies. To see if a book is a good fit, have your child read a page of the book aloud to you. If they struggle with more than a few words on the page, it is probably too difficult for them to read independently, however, the book would still be a great book to read aloud with your child.

Historical Fiction Books

- *Ben and Me* by Robert Lawson
- *Changes for Addy* by Connie Rose Porter (and other American Girl books)
- *I Survived Hurricane Katrina 2005* by Lauren Tarshis
- *Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Award Winning Books

- *Jumanji* by Chris Van Allsburg
- *The Cricket in Times Square* by George Seldon
- *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl
- *Afternoon of the Elves* by Janet Taylor Lisle
- *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo

Great Reads

- *Nancy Drew Mysteries* series by Carolyn Keene
- *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E. L. Konigsberg
- *Granny Torrelli Makes Soup* by Sharon Creech
- *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
- *Fudge-a-Mania* by Judy Blume
- *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies

Books That Will Make You Laugh

- *Freaky Friday* by Mary Rodgers
- *Matilda* by Roald Dahl
- *Skinnybones* by Barbara Park
- *Frindle* by Andrew Clements
- *How to Eat Fried Worms* by Thomas Rockwell